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THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) Yes.

" (*c*) The villages lie in the area of supply of the Tiruchi-Srirangam Electrical Undertaking managed by the South Madras Electric Supply Corporation, Ltd. They are not covered by the National Extension Service Scheme.

" (*d*) Yes. During the years 1949 and 1950, the Government granted to the licensee loans to the tune of Rs. 5,61,000 for extending supply to Kolakkudi and certain other villages in Tiruchirappalli district. Subsequently the licensee applied for a further loan of Rs. 10 lakhs from the Government for taking up the scheme for extension of supply to Mettupalayam and certain other villages in Musiri and Thathiengarpet firkas of Musiri taluk. As the financial position of the Government was difficult, the Government decided not to grant any further loan to the licensee. The licensee was advised to approach the Madras Industrial Investment Corporation, Limited, for any loans that he might require.

" (*e*) Does not arise in view of the answer to clause (*c*)."

SRI M. PALANIYANDI :—" Sir, போன பட்ஜெட்டில் அரசாங்கம் மின்சாரத்திற்கு 50 லட்சமும் 60 லட்சமும் ஒதுக்கிறார்கள். அதாவது அரசாங்கம் கையாளும் மின்சார நிலையங்களுக்கு ஒதுக்கிறார்கள். அந்தத் தொகையை தனிப்பட்ட முதலாளிகள் நடத்தும் மின்சார நிலையங்களுக்குக் கொடுத்தால், கிராமங்களில் மின்சாரத்தை விஸ்தரிக்க முடியும். அதனால் உடனடியாக அரசாங்கம் அதிகமான தொகையை ஒதுக்கி தனிப்பட்ட முதலாளிகள் நடத்தும் நிலையங்களுக்குக் கொடுக்க ஆலோசனை செய்வார்களா ? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The Government have provided Rs. 10 lakhs this year and I am sure this Corporation also will be able to get a share out of that."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Whenever a demand for extension of electric power is made, our Government plead that it is not possible to extend power because the electric transformers have reached their maximum load capacity. May I bring to the notice of the Government that they are supplying power to constituents outside our State from the power that is produced in Mettur and other places? Will the Government stop this supply immediately and divert the power to meet local requirements? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" This has no bearing on the main question which is about a licensee and his ability to serve the area."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Let the hon. Member put a separate question."

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Sales tax on perishable articles.

* 189 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the income derived by the State Government by way of sales tax on perishable articles such as meat, egg, fruits, etc., in the year 1952; and

(*b*) whether the Government have any scheme to abolish the sales tax on perishable articles?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) It was about Rs. 9 lakhs in 1952–53.

" (*b*) Yes. The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the Finance Minister's Budget speech in the Assembly on 26th February 1954 in this connexion."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Yesterday this question was discussed threadbare and the Hon. Minister gave an elaborate reply."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" முட்டை முதலிய அழுகும் சாமான்களுக்கு இப்பொழுது விற்பனை வரி விலக்கு அளிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. அதைப்போலவே சில மணி நேரத்தில் கெட்டுப்போகக்கூடிய புஷ்பம் முதலியவைகளுக்கும் விற்பனை வரியை ரத்து செய்ய சர்க்கார் முன் வருவார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I think flowers also may come under exemption."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" உருளைக் கிழங்கு, கருணைக் கிழங்கு முதலியவைகள் காய்கறி வகைகளில் வருகிறதா அல்லது வேறு வகையில் வருகிறதா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" They are vegetables, but not green vegetables. I hear in Bengal and South Kanara, even fish is considered as a vegetable."

SRI T. ANANTA PAI :—" On a point of information, Sir. In South Kanara, fish is not considered as a vegetable."

Assignment of slums to Harijans in Madras City.

* 190 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the Government have instructed the Collector of Madras, Corporation of Madras and the City Improvement Trust to assign the respective slums in the city under their control to the Harijan occupiers under the Madras Slum Improvement (Acquisition of Land) Act, 1954?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Madras Slum Improvement (Acquisition of Land) Bill, 1954, has not yet become law. The question of issuing instructions to the Collector of Madras and the City Improvement Trust does not, therefore, arise."